(c) what is the outcome of the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Coal mines in Andhra Pradesh

1499. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Coal mines in operation in the State of Andhra Pradesh at present, location-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Coal mines were closed in the recent past;

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last five years, year-wise and reasons for closure of each mine; and

(d) whether there is any possibility of reopening these coal mines in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is presently operating 66 coal mines in its command area spread over in four districts of Andhra Pradesh, namely, Khammam, Adilabad, Karimnagar and Warangal, details of which are given below:—

District	Number of underground mines	Number of opencast mines	Total number of mines
Khamman	07	07	14
Adilabad	24	01	25
Karimnagar	16	04	20
Warangal	07	Nil	07
TOTAL	54	12	66

(b) and (c) The following ten coal mines were closed during the last five years due to exhaustion of extractable reserves:—

Year	No. of mines closed	List of closed mines
1997-1998	1	Mahaveer Khani No. 2 incline
1998-99	2	1. Polampalli 2. Ravindrakhani No. 4 incline
1999-2000	1	Morgans pit
2000-2001	4	1. Mahaveerkhani No. 6 incline 2. Manuguru opencast No. 1 3. Ravindrakhani No. 3 incline 4. Hemachandrapuram
2001-02	2	1. Mahaveerkhani No. 5 incline 2. Goleti No. 2 incline

(d) SCCL is taking steps to re-engineer the closed underground mines wherever conditions are technically and commercially feasible by opencast method. The following closed mines are under examination to exploit the balance extractable reserves through opencast mining:

Sl. No.	Name of the Mine	Reserves (in million tonnes)
1.	Goleti No. 2 Incline	2.899
2.	Mahaveerkhani No. 6 Incline	3.171

Coal Scam in BCCL

†1500. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published on page number 7 of "The Rashtriya Sahara" of 22nd May, 2002 under the caption 'Jharkhand Mein Huye Arabon Ke Ghotale Ke Khilaf Andolan';

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a scam of about Rs. 9500 crores has taken place in the supply of unsuitable coal and the procurement of items in BCCL, Dhanbad;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.